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Amendments to the rules under the Elementary Education Act for improving the status and welfare of teachers in aided schools.

* 27 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to refer to the answer given to my question No. 129 on 14th December 1938 and to state—

(*a*) whether any alterations have been found necessary in the rules under the Madras Elementary Education Act in operation in aided schools;

(*b*) whether the Government have had any scheme for the welfare of teachers in aided schools as in the case of teachers in local board and municipal schools under statutory rules made by the Government;

(*c*) if so, what the scheme is; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to give the scheme a statutory basis?

THE HON. SRI C. J. VARKEY:—" (*a*) The rules referred to by the hon. Member have not yet been brought into force. The question of altering them can be considered only after they have been in force for some time, at least a year.

" (*b*) to (*d*) It is not clear what exactly are the statutory rules applicable to teachers in board and municipal schools which the hon. Member has in mind. If he will specify the rules, the question of making them applicable to teachers in aided schools will be considered."

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Measures for regulating working hours and for providing amenities for labourers in small workshops.

1 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps the Provincial Government have taken and propose to take for regulating the working hours and for providing the necessary amenities as to health and comforts in small workshops and cottage industries?

A.—The Government have notified groundnut decorticating factories, beedi factories and match factories as factories under section 5 (1) of the Factories Act. The question of notifying more small factories will be considered later.